
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-6637, H-7084, H-7085, H-7086 and H-7141 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSORS' REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 25, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6602](#)

BY Ajello, Williams, Cassar, Knight, Kislak, Potter, Henries, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC3462/1} (Same as 21H-5859--Provides that any reports of investigations conducted by internal affair units or their equivalent are public records.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6624](#)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT {LC3169/1} (Same as 21H-5040 -- Creates the "animal abuser registry act" which would require all persons convicted of felonies involving animal abuse, to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the department of public safety.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6630](#)

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Nardone, Knight, Fenton-Fung, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES {LC3544/1} (Same as 21H-5866--Prohibits the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of an order by the presiding justice of the superior court.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6632](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Ajello, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES {LC3592/1} (Same as 21H-5986 --Increases penalties for damages to electric/cellular communication lines from \$3,000 to \$50,000/imprisonment from 2 to 10 years, or both/requires restitution for economic harm/increases water supply systems imprisonment to 10 years plus)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. ~~6637~~

BY ~~Henries, Felix, Hull, J Lombardi, Kazarian, Cassar, Batista~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT~~

~~{LC3602/1} (Same as 21H-6049 -- Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer/provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)~~

~~01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. 7023

BY Carson, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION {LC3296/1} (Requires initial, biennial, and continuing education in land use law and planning for local planning and zoning board members and members of historic district commissions.)

01/10/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. ~~7084~~

~~(Public Defender)~~

BY ~~Knight, Ajello, McEntee, Morales, Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, J Lombardi~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COSTS {LC3781/1}~~

~~(Provides that payment orders issued by the court would not enter unless certain procedures required by the court regarding determining a defendant's ability to pay are considered.)~~

~~01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. 7085

BY ~~J Lombardi, Hull, Cassar, Morales, Batista~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND~~

~~FIRST STEP ACT {LC3745/1} (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.)~~

~~01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. 7086

BY ~~J Lombardi, Hull, Cassar, Morales, Batista~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF~~

~~CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3740/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.)~~

~~01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7087](#)

BY C Lima, Knight, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon, Azzinaro, S Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC3439/1} (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7088](#)

BY J Lombardi, Hull, Cassar, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC3739/1} (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7139](#)

BY J Lombardi, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT {LC3741/1} (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7140](#)

BY Donovan, Ajello, Speakman, Fogarty, Carson, Cassar, McGaw, Casimiro, Alzate, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT DONATIONS ACT {LC3782/1} (Provides for immunity provisions for persons involved in donating feminine hygiene products to charitable or nonprofit organizations.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7141](#)

~~**BY Knight, Speakman, Craven, Caldwell, Batista, McEntee, Shanley, Kislak, Cassar, Felix**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPPORT {LC3402/1} (Repeals court costs against all defendants who plead nolo contendere, guilty or are found guilty of certain crimes.)~~

~~01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7142](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Alzate, Kislak, Donovan, Cortvriend, Henries, Morales, Williams, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE {LC3374/1} (Allows an inmate's immediate family to be notified of and attend a parole hearing.)

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01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
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DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website.

<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HJUD.aspx>

VERBAL TESTIMONY

***DEADLINE:** Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. For phone testimony, the deadline to register is 4:00 pm the day prior. To register, complete the [FORM](#) or sign-up in person with the committee clerk.

Masks are mandatory in committee hearings and in the State House.

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called and in some cases, it may be at a late hour. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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